GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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CADAVER BONE BANK AT AIIMS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi has established the country`s first Cadaver Bone Bank ;

(b) if so, the details of the usefulness of the Cadaver Bone Bank ;

(c) whether the Government is contemplating to provide such facilities at the other AIIMS level hospitals in the country ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a): Yes Sir. All India Institute of Medical Sciences has established country`s first Cadaver Bone Bank.

(b): The Cadaver Bone Bank at AIIMS is able to provide a long segment of bone which can be used to bridge the identical large gap in the patients` bone. This situation often arises in cases where the total hip replacement has failed or a long segment of patients` own bone has to be sacrificed due to cancer or any disease. This kind of bone cannot be donated by any living person nor it can be synthesized artificially. Therefore, this kind of facility cannot be substituted by any other method.

(c) & (d): Formalin preserved bone bank is functional in the Orthopaedics Department, PGIMER, Chandigarh for the last 15 years on small scale basis.